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GERRY 5 VFA NEWSLETTER

Celebrate Independence

“May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.” - Peter Marshall



It's summer!
Just when we were wondering when it would arrive, it's here and with a heat wave just to

start things off right. The gardens are in, yard work is done, and now it's time to play! Boating, swimming, grilling, retreating to the beach, lake, or mountains – it's time to enjoy life by relaxing. It's sometimes easier said than done but let's not miss out on these glorious days – just keep an umbrella handy since it is also thunderstorm weather.

Let's not forget that while school is finally out and the NFL is only 56 or less days away – we've a lot to do! By the time you read this we will have celebrated the birth of our country on July 4th. It's a time to be grateful, thankful, and joyous for the freedoms and inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that the US was built upon. The Bill of Rights spells these out and they are the foundation of this country's existence. Can you name them? I invite you to review if you'd like: [Bill of Rights](#).

It's important we celebrate Independence Day and remember our foundation. I'm alarmed by the divisiveness in this country right now. I haven't seen such activities since I was a child when the topics were integration and Vietnam. It worries me and certainly is not what our forefathers envisioned. They envisioned a nation of tolerance and acceptance of diversity. Sometimes we need a bit of a reminder. And it is these “rights” that give us the freedom to speak out and voice our opinions. We should continue to do so but peacefully. To me, fake news is a lie. Putting a bow on it doesn't make it any better.

Remember your civics and history and let's be proud of this country as we also try to preserve its very foundation. Fireworks, parades, and parties as

well as prayers marked this Fourth of July. Watch out for splintering as politics has a way of doing. Cynic that I am, what means more to our elected officials - serving their country or themselves? This applies to government from top to bottom. Be watchful and listen carefully to the “noise” but most of all be true to your beliefs no matter what party or side they lean toward. Let's celebrate our rights and freedoms every day!

What better way to celebrate the 4th of July than the Horribles Parade! The Gerry is proud to continue to sponsor the parade along with the National Grand Bank who joined us as a sponsor last year. I'd never heard of such a parade until I moved to Massachusetts. I'm still quite curious where the name “Horribles” came from but how can this not bring a smile to your face to start our Independence celebration – children parading in costume representing the past and present and at times the odd!

If Independence Day wasn't enough to get us busy, we know that outdoor play takes priority for the next couple of months. This is usually a slow time at the Club but you are welcome to surprise us and keep the bar busy straight through until football season begins and Fall is peeking around the corner. The Entertainment Committee is working on events for the Fall including a possible Oktoberfest. The Club worked hard to get permission for a large event to be held in September. Please stay tuned for details. Remember to check your weekly event updates or the web site information.

Don't forget there's always sports on TV and our in-house activities – pool, golf, cribbage, dice, Follow the 5 of Clubs, and the Lottery. There's also solitude should that be your need.

So, whether you spend your summers on the water, vacationing, or just hanging out, don't forget we're here for your pleasure whether it be a cold one or air conditioning. Remember you never need an excuse to visit. We highly recommend you visit regularly.

“Soft summer breezes, salty kisses, sun in my face, summer day. Welcome July! ~ unknown

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Richard "Matty" Matthews Voted Life Membership

Long-time member Matty Matthews was voted

Life Membership at the July meeting. His nomination by Ned Brady provided details on his contributions to the Gerry and to the community. Matty has been active as a past Foreman of the handtub, an originator of Stadium Bar and Grill, a past board member, and played on championship softball teams.

Congratulations Matty!

2018 Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Gerry No. 5 is proud to announce the recipients for our 2018 scholarships. We offer 15 scholarships for high school seniors each year. The following rose to the top from the numerous (piles) of applicants and have been selected as this year's recipients:

John Banks Scholarship – Ryan Dumais, Marblehead
Ron Champlin Memorial Scholarship Joseph Moran, Marblehead
Edgar Snow Doliber Scholarship Madeleine Hart, Marblehead
Thomas Hartnett Scholarship – Maggie Devlin, Marblehead
Joseph Homan Scholarship – Jenna McCarriston, Marblehead
John Humphrey Jr. Scholarship Fund – Derek Marino, Marblehead
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Howard "Wardie" Williams Memorial Scholarship – Maeve Bostly, Marblehead
John "Stu" Curtis Memorial Scholarship – Ashley Nye, Marblehead
Frank H Camarda Vo-Tech Memorial Scholarship – Stephen Pappas, Marblehead
Frank H Camarda Athletic Memorial Scholarship – Mandy Dumais, Marblehead
Lorraine Camarda Scholarship – Riley Farrar, Marblehead

CONGRATULATIONS to all the recipients. We wish them the best in the college endeavors.

The scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at a special reception for the recipients and their families.

The Gerry once again thanks the Scholarship Committee for the hard work involved in selecting the worthiest of the many applicants. The Committee

consists of *Joan Champlin, Tom Voyer, Peter Cuffe,* and *Norm Sherwood.*

Blood Drive Bleeds Life!

The June Blood Drive once again surpassed expectations in donors and pints. Our goal was 106 pints. We had 123 presenting donors and 119 pints drawn. There were also 4 first time donors. Our Red Cross representative stated “As a result of the drive the potential of up to 369 patients could receive this life sustaining, life-saving gift”.

The Gerry drive continues to be one of the most popular in the area. We thank everyone who came, donated, and participated in making the event possible, especially our own *Janet Brings* and *Arlyne Campbell Black.*

We offer a special thanks to the Marblehead and Swampscott Rotary Clubs for once again cosponsoring the event and providing the food.

Mark your calendars! Our next Blood Drive at the Gerry is October 11th. Make plans now to attend.

Horribles’ Parade Beats the Heat

The 2018 Horribles Parade sponsored by the Gerry and the National Grand Bank rolled right on schedule through downtown Marblehead on the 4th of July. A tradition that everyone looks forward to each year, we once again had a successful event. With 433 children registered and even more than joined in after registration ended, the children, parents, and on-lookers enjoyed it from beginning to end.

We offer a special thank you to *Doug Drew*, who pulled the handtub. The parade wouldn’t be the same without it! We also offer our thanks to those who served as organizers, judges, and “whatever you need” for making the parade possible again this year. Thank you to: *Carol McHugh, Joan Champlin, Mike Butler, Amy Martin, Marilyn Willard, Steve Ruiz, Lynne deGrandpre’, Julie Cashman, Dusty Rhoades, Bill Richardson* and granddaughter, *Mary Healey, Frank James, Matt Martin, Jim Nye, Mark Lausier,* and *Chicki Curtis.*

Bravo! See you next year!



GERRY NO. 5 EVENTS

Any pop-up events will be announced via email, web site, and our Facebook pages. Enjoy your July!



OTHER EVENTS

Save the Date – A Big Night at the Gerry – Saturday, September 22nd

Includes the \$10,000 Raffle! Details coming very soon!

Save the Date – Frank Camarda Open, Monday, September 24th

The Frank Camarda Open is looking forward to its 7th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, September 24th at the Far Corner’s Golf Course in Boxford, MA. For more information please email padramac@msn.com or call 978-766-7492.

Why Cancel Events?

There are many reasons we sometimes cancel events such as weather, lack of interest, or conflicting events. We also sometimes have to cancel when we really don’t want to but circumstances dictate that we do so.

When we schedule events conducted by third parties, we usually are paying a fee to them to hold the event date for us (a deposit). This is why we put deadlines on when ticket sales have to end. These types of events do not lend themselves to purchasing tickets at the door. We must ensure a minimum number of attendees in order to pay the provider and any costs we may incur. Please buy your tickets in advance - as soon as they go on sale is best. We usually try to give 30 days’ notice of an event and at least 25 days to purchase tickets. If we aren’t close to

our minimum by that 25th day, then we must cancel or we lose at least the deposit amount if not the entire event fee.

We apologize for any disappointment or inconvenience this causes our members and guests but it is the way these providers do business. We are looking into electronic/on-line ticketing that would make it easier to purchase without coming to the Club. Though we'd really love to see you!

Stay tuned to this newsletter, the web site, and Facebook postings for event scheduling and any ticket deadlines that may apply.

Slight Price Increase Effective July 1st

Per the Board of Directors, a slight increase in drink prices went into effect on July 1st. Please do not blame the bartender. Our prices are still well below anywhere else in town and you know the pour is good. Thank you for understanding as we continue to make hard decisions in managing the Club.

Membership Information

The following applicant was voted membership at the July 11th meeting: Michael Neely of Marblehead.

The following applicants were held over due to no sponsor being present: Lauren James and Bob LaPointe, both of Marblehead.

There were no new applicants read at the July meeting.

Reminder! At least one sponsor is required to be in attendance at the meeting in order for a candidate to be voted on. We also ask our sponsors to please ensure the applications are legible when submitted.

Please note the members read and posted for voting does not include members previously read and still being processed. Questions should be directed to GerryMembership@gmail.com.

Passages

John Spillane, father of member *Sean Spillane*, and father-in-law of member *Sean Dempsey*, passed on May 21, 2018 at the age of 86.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend

to all who knew him. He was affectionately known as "J & S". He had a successful sales career and always pursued his passion for building projects of any kind. He was a youth football coach and an avid tennis player.

We offer our condolences to family and friends.

William H Dixey, member, passed on June 15, 2018, at the age of 79. Born in Boston, he was a US Navy veteran serving on the USS Intrepid aircraft carrier. He lived in Marblehead then Salem and worked 30 years for Thomas Mackey and Sons as a heavy equipment operator and 15 years for the Town of Marblehead.

A devoted fan of all New England sports teams, he enjoyed swimming, playing racquetball, and was an avid reader.

We offer our deepest sympathies to family and friends.

Jerrold Houghton, member, passed on June 25, 2018 at the age of 75. Born in Lynn, raised in Swampscott, and a long-time Salem resident, he was a US Navy veteran. He worked as a commercial lobsterman. He was a hard-working man, a great husband, father, and grandfather. His family was his pride and joy.

We offer our sincere condolences to family and friends.

Virginia "Ginny" Brings, mother of members *Lisa Martin*, *Mark Brings* and wife *Janet*, passed on June 30, 2018 at the age of 86. Born in Salem and long-time resident of Marblehead, she was a longtime and sought-after Republican Party organizer, delegate and activist. She managed many campaign offices, worked for tax reform, and tirelessly crusaded to stop corporate polluters and illegal dumping in Salem Harbor.

She loved a good road trip, had a big heart and a helping hand; she loved people and was devoted to family and friends.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to family and friends.

Want to Share Gerry Member News?

Do you have any news to share with your fellow members? This could range from announcing an engagement or a new baby or a wedding, to tidbits about your vacation or recent activities or a funny

story. "All the news that is fit to print" is our motto. We do not charge for this but a small donation is always appreciated. Please contact the Secretary with any questions.

Sound Bites

"How do you get cake off the floor?" "Lick it!"
"No, I think I'll try a putty knife."
"When I finally grow up, I want to be just like you."
"Can you believe it? It took months for the first two rounds, 15 days for this one! Lucky lady!"
"This place is an insane asylum!"
"It's too hot to play in the morning." "It's too hot to play at all. Beer please!"
"They wouldn't let the men sit with the women! They sent 40 men to the deck to eat while the women did their thing. Imagine what our regulars thought!"

Suggestions Please!

We are looking for suggestions on ways to improve your experience at the Club. Members are welcome to submit their ideas to the Manager, Secretary, or any member of the Board. All suggestions are welcome. Thank you!

Members Only and no guests may be in the Club between 7:00 p.m. and closing. Thank you!

Attention 50/50 Members!

Please note that all payments must be made in advance of the monthly member meeting. If payment is not received, you are not valid for competition that month. Please contact Joan Champlin to make payment or with any questions.

R E S P E C T! Just a little respect please for your fellow members. The Gerry has zero tolerance for disrespectful language and acts while at the Club. Discipline may be taken at the discretion of the bartender on duty per House Rules.

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NOTICES & REMINDERS!!

MEMBERS ONLY - Meeting Night!

Please remember that member meeting tonight is

Family Events

Attending a Gerry family event such as the muster fish fry or Family Friday? Please remember these are multigenerational events that include all ages. Children are welcome but we ask parents to mind them. The Gerry wants all attendees to enjoy themselves but not at the detriment to others. We ask those without children to have patience as well. Also, shoes must be worn at all times on the premises. Teach your children well.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR! While enjoying our deck, please remember we do have neighbors and the general public passing by. Please be respectful. Remember to smile - you're on candid camera!

Please ensure all **Function Hall events** are booked through the Manager, Arthur Dodge, or confirmed directly by him to ensure you do have a reservation.

Please be mindful of Club events. If you are *not* invited to a Function Hall event, please do not take advantage of the food or entertainment. Remember to use the Club Room bathroom facilities during these events.

Complaints? Please put your complaint in writing or attend a Board of Directors meeting to present it in person. Date and time of specific events are greatly appreciated.

FUNCTION HALL RENTALS - Remember the Function Hall is available at reduced prices for members - parties, meetings, dances, celebrations, funerals, weddings, dinners...Contact Art Dodge at 781-631-5214.

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Just because marijuana for recreational use is now legal, doesn't mean you can light up on the deck. Remember we have neighbors, please take it elsewhere.

Looking for a Gift Idea? How about a Gerry 5 Gift card?! Gift cards are available for purchase at the Club.

Gerry 5 Member Business Sponsorships and Classified Ads

Advertise your business or skills! We offer business sponsorships for the monthly newsletter, both electronic and print editions. This includes all event updates, the Gerry website, and G5TV. Rates are by the year as follows:

Member	Non-Member
Prime - \$100.00	Prime - \$200.00
Regular - \$50.00	Regular - \$100.00

A prime location is within the body of the newsletter. A regular sponsorship listed in the members' services section. Size is limited to that of a standard business card. Please fill out a sponsor form [G5 Business Sponsor Form](#) with contact information and attach a business card or your particulars.

Classified ads are run on a monthly basis at the following rates:

Member	Non-Member
\$20.00	\$40.00

. A description of the item(s) or service(s) being offered including any pictures, the seller's contact information, and how many months to run the ad should be submitted to the Gerry to the attention of the Manager or Secretary. Submission must include payment in advance. Please use this form: [classified ad](#).

Need help with a business card or classified ad? The Secretary will gladly assist in providing a proof for your review. We look forward to doing business with you!

Contact the Manager, Art Dodge, or Secretary, Kathy Tankersley Bernier with questions.

Moved? Changed your e-mail address or phone number? Please let us know! We need to keep our member records as up to date as possible. Leave your information at the Club or e-mail gerry5vfa@yahoo.com or ziggyii@comcast.net with changes. Thank you!

Gerry 5 Logo Apparel –Order by July 23rd! Embroidery & Screen print!



Great quality merchandise! We have some in-stock items available - hoodies, long-sleeve t-shirts, regular t-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, tote bags, polo shirts, vests. Please check the in-

stock list at the Club or on-line here:

gerry5.com/library under Member documents or here: [Gerry Gear Inventory.](#)

Embroidery items (wind shirts, polos, vests, jackets) may be ordered as well as any screen print not in stock. We require a minimum order of 6 items for embroidery and 12 items for screen print.

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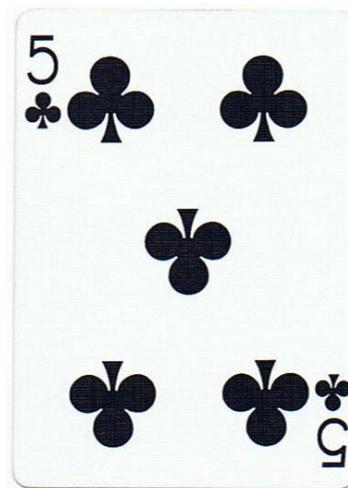
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Don't forget to Follow the 5 of Clubs!



The Gerry 5 VFA newsletter is published monthly in both hardcopy and electronic formats. Deadline for submission of information is Thursday following the member meeting.

Thank you for reading! ~Kathy Tankersley Bernier, Secretary

Calendar of Events		
July 2018		
July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY Horribles Parade Club OPEN – Regular Hours	10:00 a.m.
July 10	Orientation	7:30 p.m.

GERRY MEMBER SERVICES

July 11	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Member Meeting	8:00 p.m.
	Life Member Vote	
July 18	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
July 31	Orientation	7:30 p.m.
August 2018		
Aug 1	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Members Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Aug 15	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.



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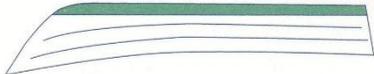
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